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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREARAGES

REF: (A) STATE 136243, (B) CARACAS 10313

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A) OF JUNE 1976, THE LONG-STANDING ISSUE OF LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT POSES A UNIQUE AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. POST REPLIES TO THE REFTEL, IN PARTICULAR THE STRESS BY MANY POSTS ON THE NEED FOR ADDED DOCUMENTATION, REINFORCES OUR APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL ENTAIL.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN OF MANY POSTS THAT THIS PARTICULAR DEBT ISSUE NOT BECOME AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THESE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR MILITARY PROGRAMS IN A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE ISSUE AND ARE AGREED THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO PURSUE RESOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN NOTED IN PARA 2, THAT OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE MADE IN A LOW-KEY FASHION AND AT A WORKING LEVEL.

4. WITH RESPECT TO DEBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO VENEZUELA, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS REVIEWING THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL(B). WHEN REVIEW IS COMPLETED WE WILL EXPECT TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH VENEZUELAN EMBASSY.

5. YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE IS MUCH APPRECIATED.HABIB

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